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SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1977

REF: (A) USNATO 2513 (DTG 291053Z APR 77), (B) USNATO
2494 (DTG 281806Z APR 77), (C) USNATO 2373 (DTG 231215Z
APR 77), (D) USNATO 2546 (DTG 291710Z APR 77)

SUMMARY: IN AN INFORMAL MEETING APRIL 29, THE DEFENSE
REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) AGREED WITH THE DESIRABILITY OF
HAVING AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE
1977 (REF A) AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE DPC MINISTERIAL COM-
MUNIQUE (REF B). DRC WILL ADDRESS A REVISED DRAFT (SEP-
TEL) ON MAY 6. HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOW. END
SUMMARY.

1. PARA 1: COMMITTEE AGREED TO DELETE THIS PARA, NOTING
THAT SIMILAR LANGUAGE IS INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE
(PARA 7).

2. PARA 6: DRC ACCEPTED US REP'S (BADER) SUGGESTION TO
REPLACE THE PHRASE "FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORMED THE
CHARACTER" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE WITH "GREATLY
INCREASED THEIR POWER."

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3. PARA 8: AT FRG REP'S (BGEN SCHUENEMANN) INSISTENCE,
DRC AGREED TO NOTE THAT SOVIET RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS AS
A PERCENT OF BNP ARE NEARLY THREE TIMES THE NATO AVERAGE.

4. PARA 18: US REP PROPOSED THE DELETION OF ANY REFER-
ENCE TO THE NEED FOR A REAPPRAISAL OF NATO MARITIME
STRATEGY, COMMENTING THAT (A) THE PRESENT LANGUAGE IN
THIS PARA GOES BEYOND THE MORE CONDITIONAL PHRASING OF
THE AGREED CLASSIFIED VERSION OF 1977 GUIDANCE (REF C)
AND (B) TO CALL IN A PUBLIC DOCUMENT FOR A REVIEW OF

NATO'S ABILITY TO COPE WITH THE EMERGING SOVIET MARITIME THREAT COULD CAST DOUBT UNNECESSARILY ON THE ABILITY OF NATO'S NAVAL FORCES TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSIONS. COMMITTEE AGREED TO AMEND THE FIRST SENTENCE TO NOTE THAT THE SOVIET NAVAL BUILDUP CALLS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF MODERNIZATION OF NATO'S MARITIME FORCES, AND TO DELETE THE REMAINDER OF THE PARA.

5. PARA 25: DRC ACCEPTED FRG REP'S SUGGESTION TO DELETE THE FIRST SENTENCE AND PROMOTE THE SECOND SENTENCE TO PARA 24.

6. PARA 28: IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF ALLIED CONSENSUS ON RESOURCE GUIDANCE (REF D), DRC DECIDED TO PLACE THIS PARA IN BRACKETS, BUT ACCEPTED DUTCH REP'S (WYNAENDTS) SUGGESTION TO ADD A SENTENCE, NOTING THE NEED TO PROVIDE FULL COMPENSATION FOR INFLATION.

7. US REP, SUPPORTED BY CANADIAN (OLSON) AND DUTCH REPS, SUGGESTED THE INCLUSION OF A PARA ON PRIORITIES ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 46 OF 1977 GUIDANCE. COMMITTEE QUICKLY AGREED.

8. THE IS WILL PRODUCE A REVISED DRAFT APRIL 30, WHICH THE DRC WILL ADDRESS ON MAY 6. STREATOR

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